

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

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Art Unit

3727

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 18 September 2009 interview.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20090918.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew R. Jenkins on 18 September 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claim 1 and add the following new claim.

---15. (new) In combination, an adapter coupling a main yoke of an elongated wiper blade to a coupling portion of a wiper arm of a wiper device,
the adapter being elongated and having an insertion pin mounted at one end laterally introduced into a receiving opening, on one side of the main yoke, extending transversely of the longitudinal axis of the wiper blade,
the adapter having a cylindrical recess accommodating a joint pin of the coupling portion of the wiper arm, said cylindrical recess being provided on the insertion pin and comprising an insertion opening, wherein a first contact portion is provided in an area around the insertion opening with which an area of the coupling portion holding the joint pin rests against, and
wherein the adapter comprises a second contact portion arranged on a side of the yoke remote from the receiving and insertion openings, the second contact portion resting against a limit stop extending from a shoulder of the coupling portion, said shoulder overlapping the adapter and yoke at least in places.---

In claim 2, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination--- and change “1” to ---15---,
line 1-2, change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---,
line 3, change “the respective” to ---respective---,
line 4, delete “when fitted to the main yoke”.

In claim 3, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination--- and change “1” to ---15---,
line 2, change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---.

In claim 4, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination--- and change “1” to ---15---,
line 2, change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---.

In claim 5, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “1” to ---15--- and change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---,
line 4, delete “in the assembled state”.

In claim 6, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “1” to ---15--- and change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---.

In claim 7, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “1” to ---15--- and change “characterised in that the width” to ---wherein a width---,
line 3, delete the second occurrence of “in”,
line 4, delete “the assembled state”.

In claim 8, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “1” to ---15--- and change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---,
line 3, delete “in the assembled state”.

In claim 9, line 1, change “An adapter according” to ---The combination according to---
line 2, change “1” to ---15--- and change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---,
line 3, delete “in the assembled state”.

In claim 10, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “1” to ---15--- and change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---.

In claim 11, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---.

In claim 12, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---.

In claim 13, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
line 2, change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---,
line 5, delete “in the assembled state”.

In claim 14, line 1, change “An adapter” to ---The combination---,
lines 1 to 2, change “characterised in that” to ---wherein---.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: New claim 15 sets forth essentially the adapter in previous claim 1 in positive combination with the main yoke of a wiper blade and the coupling portion of a wiper arm. This combination, in conjunction with the various structure and structural relationships claimed, is not fairly taught by the prior art. The previously applied references to Marks and Maiocco do not teach the relationships between the adapter and the yoke and coupling portion that are now positively set forth.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (7:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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